

President's Message



Do you hear the birds singing? Do you see the early spring flowers blooming? Are the trees springing back to life? Yes, we made it! We knew we eventually would, but there were certainly times this past winter when warmer temperatures felt like they were gone forever.

Well, we have also made it through another season of the ASHE Delaware Valley Section. The list is long as we have had several successful dinner meetings, presentations, Technical Sessions, scholarship awards, younger member events, plus new by-laws, ASHE national recognition and more. Additionally, we survived with success, the eventful year regarding state transportation funding. We have many reasons to celebrate at our final dinner meeting event of the season on **April 16th**. Not to mention, it is after tax day, so that job will be done too.

Throughout the year, I shared a spotlight on several of our Section committees. While I wasn't able to detail each and every one, please know that each and every committee contributes to our Section operations. I also encouraged our general members to get involved with these committees and extend their participation in our Section beyond attendance alone at our dinner meetings. I am proud to say that we have had a banner year with interested members looking for additional involvement. We currently have **14** general members serving on various committees. It is with this involvement that opportunities will arise in serving on the Board of Directors. Many of our Board members have gone on to serve at the Regional and National levels for the ASHE organization. Remember, it all starts with general members getting involved. Will **you**, too, consider joining us?

While we look forward to a transition of officers and Board of Directors in April, I would like to take a moment to thank the current Board and all of our members for supporting this organization with hard work and dedication. We are a successful organization quite simply because of the efforts of our Board and our membership. We are able to gather together, share ideas, develop common goals, and collaborate with many talented people to maintain a successful chapter that was started over 48 years ago. I am

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2013-2014 Meeting Dates

- April 16th

Costs:

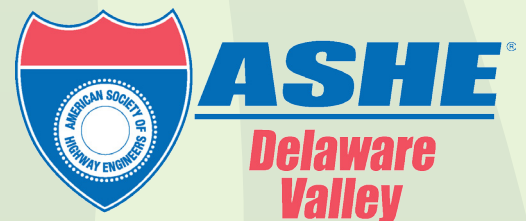
- \$35 - Advance Registration
- \$45 - After Deadline/At the Door
- \$20 - Public Employees / Students

Technical Sessions

- April 16th

Costs:

- FREE! - Members
- \$40 - Non-Members



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thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the Section leadership. I look forward to continued involvement as my section Presidency comes to a close.

Remember to welcome our incoming President at his first section event on May 21 and earn those valuable PDH's. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Respectfully,
Stephanie L. Butler, P.E.
ASHE – Del Val Section, President

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Technical Sessions

The last Technical Session of this season is scheduled for **April 16**, to be conducted prior to the Section dinner meeting. The topic will be "Concrete Overlays". More information will be provided in a separate flyer which will be distributed. Instructions on registration will be included in that flyer.

We are pleased to be able to provide two informative and well-attended Technical Sessions so far this season, and we anticipate that the third (coming up) will be just as useful and successful. Through these sessions, we provide our members with instruction on a variety of transportation subjects using the technical expertise and knowledge of our membership. While geared towards younger members, these sessions are open to the entire ASHE membership. They enable us to additionally provide a means for our membership to obtain needed continuing professional development hours as required by their state licensing authorities.

For our 2014-15 season, we will be looking once again for our members to instruct Technical Sessions. We welcome your thoughts and remind you that you can obtain twice the PDH credit for instruction. Following the pattern in place, we have tentatively scheduled these to be conducted prior to the Section meetings in November, February and April. More information will be provided in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES in September.

Dinner Reservation Change You Asked, We Responded!

You may have noticed a slight change in the reservation method in the flyer for our February meeting. We are now able to accept reservations via e-mail, in response to your requests for this. Thus, starting with the February Dinner Meeting and continuing for all future Dinner Meetings, you will have three options for responding and reserving:

- By mail (the "old" way!), to ASHE, 1500 Walnut Street, Suite 1105, Philadelphia, PA 19102
- By fax, 215-546-2259
- By e-mail, to Jena Hudson (jhudson@caoepa.com) or Diana Perez (dperez@caoepa.com)

As always, you can mail your payment in advance, bring it to the meeting/pay at the door, or request an invoice. The reservation deadlines will remain in place and so noted on each Dinner Meeting flyer.

Please note that this will be for Dinner Meeting reservations only. Other events, such as Technical Sessions, will have a separate method for reservations that will be specifically noted on the event announcement flyer.

We hope this change will help you in your ability to reserve for our Dinner Meetings.

PennDOT Seminar Scheduled for May 21



The Section has conducted a half-day seminar at PennDOT District 6-o for the past several years and will be doing it again this year. The seminar will be conducted on **Wednesday, May 21**. More information will be included on a separate flyer to be sent on this event. **As in the past, there will be a limit on attendance (maximum of two attendees per firm will be permitted), to allow PennDOT employees to have priority in their attendance.** We hope to see many of you there, particularly our PennDOT members!

Turnpike Traveler Advisory Panel

The PA Turnpike Commission is seeking volunteers to join its new PA Turnpike Traveler Advisory Panel. The Panel will be comprised of 4,000 customers who will volunteer to participate in periodic online surveys. Volunteers will earn rewards for their participation. Please visit www.paturnpike.com/TurnpikeTAP for additional information.

Young Member Events in April

Tuesday, April 29

YMC Bowling Night

Facenda Whitaker Lanes - East Norriton
6 PM - 2 hours of bowling/shoe rental for \$5. Please contact Alexa Harper for more information and to register (aharper@gfnet.com).

Wednesday, April 30

ASCE 2014 Critical Issues Seminar
Topic – Maintaining and Modernizing Infrastructure

Field House - 1150 Filbert Street (Reading Terminal), Happy Hour - 5 PM; Panel Discussion - 6 PM

For reservations and more information, please visit www.ymfphilly.org.

Thinking About Golf? Section Outing Scheduled

The weather's getting a little warmer, daylight is slightly longer, and the golf clubs are ready to come out of their winter hiding place. Keep these thoughts - our Section's **19th Annual Golf Outing is set for Monday, July 14**. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

The Outing will return to the **Blue Bell Country Club** with a scramble format. Our Golf Committee, ably chaired by Rob Prophet, was able to keep the price comparable to last year's Outing. And, as always, it's for a good cause – **all proceeds go to the Section Scholarship fund**.

Various sponsorships are available. A separate flyer with more details on the Outing will be mailed in late April/early May. We strongly encourage firms or organizations to contact us early regarding sponsorship opportunities as we anticipate a fairly large turnout.

We hope to see you there. Serious golfers, duffers, those who own clubs and (especially) caddies are welcome.

Young Members Committee

The Committee continues to consider events which will be of interest specifically to young members. If you are a younger member and interested in meeting other people your age at monthly meetings, then be on the lookout for the YMC table during the social hour at which you can meet your fellow young members, mingle, and perhaps sit with familiar faces during the dinner presentation.

Ideas and suggestions for activities are welcome. Please contact Committee Chair Alexa Harper (aharper@gfnet.com) to discuss this, or look for Alexa at the YMC table at the next Section meeting.

Section Committees

Our Section Committees and Committee chairs are listed below. If you have an interest in being part of any Committee, please contact Section President Stephanie Butler or First Vice President/Editor Bob Wright (contact information is provided on page 6).

Please note that some committees have co-chairs to assist in the often-complicated tasks they must handle.

ASHE/PennDOT Breakfast Meeting.....	Curt Shugars
Auditing	Phil Mandato
Dinner Meetings.....	Alexa Harper, Don Stark
50/50	Dick Prentice
Golf.....	Rob Prophet
Hotel.....	Phil Mandato
Membership.....	John Caperilla
Newsletter	Bob Wright
Nominating.....	Bob Wright
Program.....	Jeff Given, Rob Prophet
Project of the Year	Bill Laird
Public Relations.....	Don Steele
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Technical Sessions.....	Jack Mitchell
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The Section started the D.V.S.P. Program in the 2005-06 season to allow supporting firms to be recognized. We are proud to note that 21 firms have participated in the Program this season. Many thanks to those of you who have signed up and helped support the Section's many activities. The proceeds of the D.V.S.P. go directly to support the Section's Scholarship Fund.

If you are not in this Program and would like to join, please contact Section President Stephanie Butler or First Vice President/Editor of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES Bob Wright (contact information is given on page 6). We will be soliciting for participants and renewals for the 2014-15 season in the fall.

This season, the previously-available two levels of support were combined into a single commitment that will have the sponsor logos shown on both our website and in THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES for a \$200 fee.

2014 National Conference



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The 2014 National Conference will be conducted in Bismarck, ND from June 12-15. The conference provides the opportunity for companies to network and build strong professional relationships.

The event will provide a unique and authentic North Dakota experience with planned outings to Fort Mandan, Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Medora. While visiting Fort Mandan you will step back in time when Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first explored the Dakotas. Theodore Roosevelt National Park is an untouched area of beauty resting in the Badlands of North Dakota where you can enjoy wildlife in natural habitats and spend time away from the city. Medora is home to a world-class musical set to the backdrop of the majestic Badlands along with Bully Pulpit, a golf course attracting golfers from around the world and offers one of the greatest scenic views in the state.

Abundant professional development opportunities are available to further skills and abilities through a comprehensive conference schedule and expansive networking opportunities.

From the Editor

THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES, the newsletter of the Delaware Valley Section, is published and distributed to our Section's members to advise and update all on current events and happenings in the Section.

If you have news items for future editions of THE TRANSPORTATION TIMES, please feel free to contact us.

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